

October 6, 2020

Town of Scituate
Community Preservation Committee
Town Hall
600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway
Scituate, MA 02066

To the Members of the CPC:

Ms. Virginia Ayers, the head of the Scituate Library Foundation, and Mr. Richard Goulding have submitted to the Community Preservation Committee a proposal that would support the development of an outdoor seating area on the grounds of the Scituate Town Library. To call this a "seating area" is a bit of an understatement: it would feature a terrace, a retaining wall that would serve as seating, stone art, and a variety of plantings. The Library Trustees discussed this proposal last February and March and we voted enthusiastically to support the concept.

The east side of the Library, facing Branch Street, is a green space with a wide expanse of lawn and several mature trees. This pastoral area serves the town and Library patrons as an attractive passive space, overlooked by our Periodicals Room, our three small study rooms, the Local History Room, and most notably the open porch seating area, as well as the Children's Room. An additional outdoor seating area on the ground level would complement wonderfully the existing porch. We feel it would be a notable enhancement and yet subtle enough to not be visually intrusive. Moreover, it would fit well with our outdoor programming that takes place on the lawn in the summer months.

When we discussed the proposal, the Trustees were concerned about funding for the total cost of the project and ongoing maintenance. We are pleased to see how the Foundation plans to address this, contingent on the support of the CPC. We sincerely hope that you will approve this proposal so that the people of Scituate can enjoy an enhanced outdoor area on the Library grounds.

On behalf of the Trustees, with respect,



Kevin Carleton
Chair
Scituate Town Library Board of Trustees